Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Government have no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do you know of the existence of religions of the orthodox type?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that the Member is saying that he is not aware of the existence of religions of the orthodox type?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The question is about socio-religious institutions.

Information about official matters.

155. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether anything is done in our public offices that is not the talk of the streets;

(b) whether any action has been taken of late against such tale-bearers;

(c) whether they find fruitful sources of retrenchment to the cost of Government in these human gazettes?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) Government are not aware that such is the case.

(b) A certain official was recently transferred from the Huzur Office for publishing information which had come to his knowledge in the course of his official duties.

(c) The question is not clear.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did you make an inquiry before answering this ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No inquiry was made.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you make an inquiry in future?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—If any such instance comes to notice, we well inquire.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does it not mean whether such officers should not be dispensed with from the service ?

Co-operative Societies.

156. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of credit Co-operative Societies, of Industrial Co-operative Societies and Co-operative Store-rooms in the State;

(b) the reasons for the comparative smallness of the number of Industrial Co-operative Societies;

(c) whether they are aware that the Industrial Co-operative Societies are the best of the lot to help the annihilation of poverty in the State;

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(d) the officer responsible for the defects suggested by (b) and the total number of adverse criticisms, levelled against the working of the department of which the Government are aware;

(e) an exhaustive list of the overdue loans from the respective Co-operative Credit Societies and the days when they became due;

(f) the amount the Government have credited the Central Co-operative Bank with and the ways in which the amount has been utilised;

(g) the objections, if any, the Government entertain to sanctioning credit to individual co-operative societies for industrial purposes;

(h) whether the Government are aware that the adoption of the mentality of the Hundi Brahmin or Sawcar-cum-trader in the Government's attitude to the societies soliciting industrial grants-in-aid, is not advisable?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) Credit Societies 176. Industrial Societies 6. Stores including Students' Stationery Societies 10.

(b) Dearth of applications from those who want such societies.

(c) Government are not aware of this. It depends upon the locality and the necessity of the people. Each type is good for those who want it.

(d) None; no register is kept for the purpose. Criticisms from experienced co-operators have been taken note of and made practical use of when necessary.

(e) To get such statements from the credit societies working in the State is absolutely impossible. And it is illegal for the department to publish the names, etc., of members of all these societies for the information of the public. The societies are registered corporate bodies and they transact their business for their benefit.

(f) A loan of Rs. 2,500 has been granted to the Central Bank which is utilised by it as part of its working capital.

(g) In the initial stages of the movement direct financial help was given to societies in all provinces in India. That policy was adopted here also. But this direct lending by Government was found to hamper rather than foster the growth of societies. It will be the adverse of self-help and so experts thought it advisable to stop this. Moreover no Government could afford enough money to meet the necessities of all these societies growing in number every day. So, direct lending was stopped and a Central Banking Institution has been organised everywhere.

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They lend money on business lines. For all these reasons direct lending by Government is not possible.

(h) The question is unintelligible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(b) Had the Department nothing to do by way of initiative?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The initiative must come from the people.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The initiative never starts from the Government?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Not in this case.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The reasons for it ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—This is a popular movement.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(c) Do you want to abolish the comparative and superlative degrees ?

President.—What is your question, please?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—My question was which was better for the economic welfare, the credit societies or the industrial societies?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Government are not aware.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—But the answer given is that they are good in their own way. (d) Are not those who lead the activities of the department mainly responsible ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The question is the officer responsible for the defects and the answer is 'none'.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(g) Am I to understand that the Government should have no control where they pay hard cash?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—I do not understand the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—A large amount of Government money is in the Central Banking Institution and the smaller individual societies take money from the Central Bank and thus a portion of the Government money goes to the individual societies. Whether Government should have no control over these individual societies ?

President.—That question has no relation to control.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(f) Does a portion of these funds find their way to the different societies ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(h) Is it Latin.

Ayurvedic System.

157. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have taken any steps to encourage the Ayurvedic system of treatment after the last Budget Session;

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